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Classified By: Political Counselor George P. Kent, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 11. (C) We spoke to MFA Peace, Security and Disarmament Division Deputy Director Pattarat Hongtong April 8 to underscore reftel U.S. response to North Korea's missile launch and the President's statement, which we had shared with FM Kasit's personal aide and the Director of the North American Division on April 5. The MFA was in the process of drafting a statement, Pattarat said, which would likely reflect proliferation concerns raised in UNSCR 1718.
- $\underline{\mathbb{1}}$ 2. (C) We will follow up with these and other officials and report further RTG response to the launch. JOHN